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SUBJECT: GEORGETOWN/CATHOLIC U. PROGRAM

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1. ON RETURN FROM VACATION, THE FSA AT GEORGETOWN INFORMED CU/ARA THAT THE INFORMATION REPORTED POINT TWO REF (B) WAS INCORRECT, AND THAT IN FACT MANRIQUE HAD NOT BEEN ADMITTED TO THE PH.D. PROGRAM.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 16 MANRIQUE GAVE US A COPY OF A MARCH 11, 1976 LETTER FROM THE CATHOLIC U. CERTIFYING THAT BY ACT OF THE UNIVERSITY'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF MARCH 3, THE UNIVERSITY APPROVED A FURTHER LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR MANRIQUE TO OCTOBER 1976. WE HAVE ALSO ONLY RECENTLY RECEIVED A COPY OF FATHER BRADLEY'S APRIL 22, 1976 LETTER TO MANRIQUE STATING THAT ON APRIL 19 MS. ARENS PHONED BRADLEY INDICATING THAT MANRIQUE HAD BEEN GRANTED A LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO OCTOBER SO THAT HIS WIFE WOULD NOT HAVE TO ABANDON HER STUDIES AND SO THAT MANRIQUE WOULD NOT HAVE TO LEAVE HER IN THE U.S. ALONE. SHE SAID THAT THE QUESTION OF MANRIQUE'S BEGINNING DOCTORAL STUDIES HAD BEEN REJECTED, AND THAT IF THE CATHOLIC U. WERE CONSULTED ON WHETHER OR NOT HE SHOULD BE GIVEN AN OAS SCHOLARSHIP, SHE EXPECTED THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ANSWER WOULD BE NEGATIVE. IN THIS SAME CONVERSATION, ARENS

ASKED BRADLEY WHETHER GEORGETOWN HAD ACCEPTED MANRIQUE AS A DOCTORAL CANDIDATE AND HE REPLIED THAT MANRIQUE HAD NOT PASSED HIS QUALIFYING EXAMS FOR DOCTORAL STUDIES.

3. WE HAVE COPIES OF EARLY JUNE 1976 AGREEMENTS BETWEEN LUIS MANRIQUE AND THE LEO S. ROWE FUND OF THE OAS, AND BETWEEN GLADYS MANRIQUE AND THE ROWE FUND, UNDER WHICH EACH RECEIVES A DOLS 1000 LOAN PAYABLE AT THE RATE OF 100 PER MONTH. THEREFORE BETWEEN THEM THEY HAVE DOLS 200 PER MONTH. HOW THEY ARE MANAGING ON THIS AMOUNT IS UNCLEAR. THE FSA AT GEORGETOWN TOLD US THAT THEY HAVE MANY FRIENDS IN THIS AREA SO POSSIBLY THEY HAVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM SOME OTHER SOURCE OR SOURCES.

4. MANRIQUE'S IMMEDIATE CONCERN EXPRESSED TO CU/ARA ON SEPT. 16 IS THAT BECAUSE HE IS OUT OF VISA STATUS GEORGETOWN WILL NOT PERMIT HIM TO REGISTER FOR COURSES. HE INDICATED HIS BELIEF THAT IF HE COULD STAY UNTIL THE END OF OCTOBER HE WOULD BE ABLE BY THEN TO PASS HIS QUALIFYING EXAMS. (THIS WOULD BE FOR WORK TOWARD THE PH.D. PRESUMABLY ENTAILING SOME CONSIDERABLE ADDITIONAL STAY.)

5. THE FSA AT GEORGETOWN TELLS US THAT GLADYS MANRIQUE HAS COMPLETED ALL REQUIRED COURSE WORK FOR HER M.S. DEGREE AND WILL TAKE HER COMPREHENSIVES OCT. 5 AND 7. HOWEVER, SHE HAS ALSO SIGNED UP FOR FOUR COURSES TOWARD A PH.D. ALL THE SIGNS POINT TOWARD THE LIKELIHOOD THAT BOTH LUIS AND GLADYS WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT TO REMAIN IN THIS COUNTRY AT LEAST FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. THE FSA ALSO TELLS US THAT LUIS WAS RECENTLY OFFERED A JOB TEACHING IN THE GEORGETOWN SPANISH DEPT, BUT THAT THIS OFFER WAS WITHDRAWN BECAUSE OF HIS BEING OUT OF VISA STATUS. IF WE REGULARIZE HIS STATUS BY APPROVING THE EXTENSION THROUGH OCTOBER, THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT WILL NO DOUBT ARISE AGAIN.

6. WE WOULD LIKE TO TELL LUIS THAT WE WILL EXTEND HIM TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THE END OF OCTOBER BUT THAT NO REPEAT NO FURTHER EXTENSIONS WILL BE AUTHORIZED BEYOND THAT DATE AND THAT HE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY GET IN TOUCH WITH THE COMMISSION RE RETURN TRAVEL PLANS. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT WANT TO TAKE SUCH A STEP WITHOUT BEING ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN OF THE RESPECTIVE WISHES OF THE CATHOLIC U. AND OF THE FULBRIGHT COMMISSION REGARDING HIS FUTURE PLANS. WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE THE COMMISSION'S DISCUSSING THIS CASE WITH ARENS

ON AN URGENT BASIS AND CABLING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
COMMISSION AND THE CATHOLIC U. ROBINSON

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